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report on Soviet activities and installations near Bernau. The report consists of the following:

- a. Overlay [redacted] Germany 1:25,000 showing the Panzer Kaserne 50X1-HUM in Bernau.
- b. A legend to the overlay in para. 1.
- c. Information on the transport of 5 tanks, 5 personnel carriers, three trucks, plus troops from the Panzer Kaserne to the Bernau freight station.
- d. Information on the replacement of Soviet soldiers at the Torpedowerk, Bernau.

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MILITARYActivity and installations at BERNAU

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Rail transport

1. Between 2030 and 2100 hours on [] a Soviet column moved from BS 4241, BERNAU, through ZEPERNICKER CHAUSSEE and WEISSENSEEER Str. to BERNAU goods station where it was loaded on a train :

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3 x JS 3 tanks
 2 x T 54 tanks
 5 x APC 6x6 BTR 152, each carrying some 15 Soviet troops wearing steel helmets.
 2 x GAZ 69 with Soviet officers.
 1 x W/T truck with whip aerial
 some 20 x trucks loaded with troops wearing steel helmets.

Time of departure or destination of the train are not known.

TORPEDO WERK, BERNAU :

2. The present C.O. of BS 4261, BERNAU-WALDFRIEDEN, who was formerly political officer, is Major MOJZEW (German phonetic). According to rumours in the works a new C.O. will shortly arrive and MOJZEW will revert to his role of political officer. MOJZEW is still on leave in Russia.

3. All the former Soviet personnel of BS 4261 have gone back to Russia except for 6 men who are due to follow before the end of the year. The replacements are fresh young troops direct from Russia who were brought from FRANKFURT/ODER in buses. They live within BS 4261 in a building adapted as living quarters.

4. The Soviet troops who have now undertaken sentry and patrol duties at the works are drawn from the Soviet personnel of the works and live there. All troops on the strength of the works take turns at sentry duty.

5. Because of the departure of the old troops and the arrival of untrained replacements, the production target of the works for October 1959 is lagging behind.

6. Between 16 and 23 October a thorough inspection of BS 4261 was undertaken by a group of Soviet officers from WUENSDORF. They inspected machines, buildings, troops, and workshops, finishing with a parade of the troops in the WANDLITZER Chaussee. Leaders of the group were three Lieutenant-Colonels, two of whom were named ORLOW and POPOV.

7. Instructions have been received that a group of staff from BS 4261, to include Soviet officers and men and some German foremen, should make an exchange visit with a delegation from the E.G.A. repair workshop at FRIEDRICHSFELDE.

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PANZER Kaserne, BERNAU

8. Attached at Appendix "A" is a sketch showing the layout of BS 4241, BERNAU (Overlay [redacted] Germany 1:25000 map). Key to the sketch is as follows : 50X1-HUM

- No 1.: main entrance from the WANDLITZER und SCHÖNOWER Chaussees
- No. 2: side entrance from the Autobahn.
- No.3: 5 x 3-storied barrack blocks, lying parallel to each other in the N. half of the barracks.
- No.4 : 6 x 3-storied barrack blocks, lying parallel to each other in the S. half of the barracks.
- No.5 : Two large garage halls in the N. half of the barracks.
- No.6 : Two large garage halls in the S. half of the barracks.
- No.7 : A destroyed garage hall which has not been rebuilt.
- No.8 : Administrative building.
- No.9 : 6 x 2-storied, stone houses occupied by Soviet officers.
- No.10: Basically a fenced-off area occupied by officers' dwellings. Number of houses is not known.
- No.11: A fenced-off area on the S. side of the WANDLITZER Chaussee. Formerly the fence round the barracks used to run immediately N. of the garage halls (No. 5 on the sketch). Inside the more recently fenced-off part (No. 11) are three improvised wooden shelters for vehicles. Usually one of these shelters contains 4-5 x T.34 tanks which are used for training. In the same area are a number of huts or wooden sheds where pigs and chickens are kept, and a number of earthworks, of the type normally seen in underground POL dumps, with ventilation pipes protruding from them. At the edge of the area, near the WANDLITZER Chaussee, stand two steel masts with a wire running between them on which are strung a number of model aircraft.
- No.12: Small, wooden houses such as might be used for small workshops. On 23.10.59 Soviet troops were sawing up wood with a crosscut saw near the huts.
- No.13: Training ground used for troop and tank training. It stretches as far as the Autobahn.

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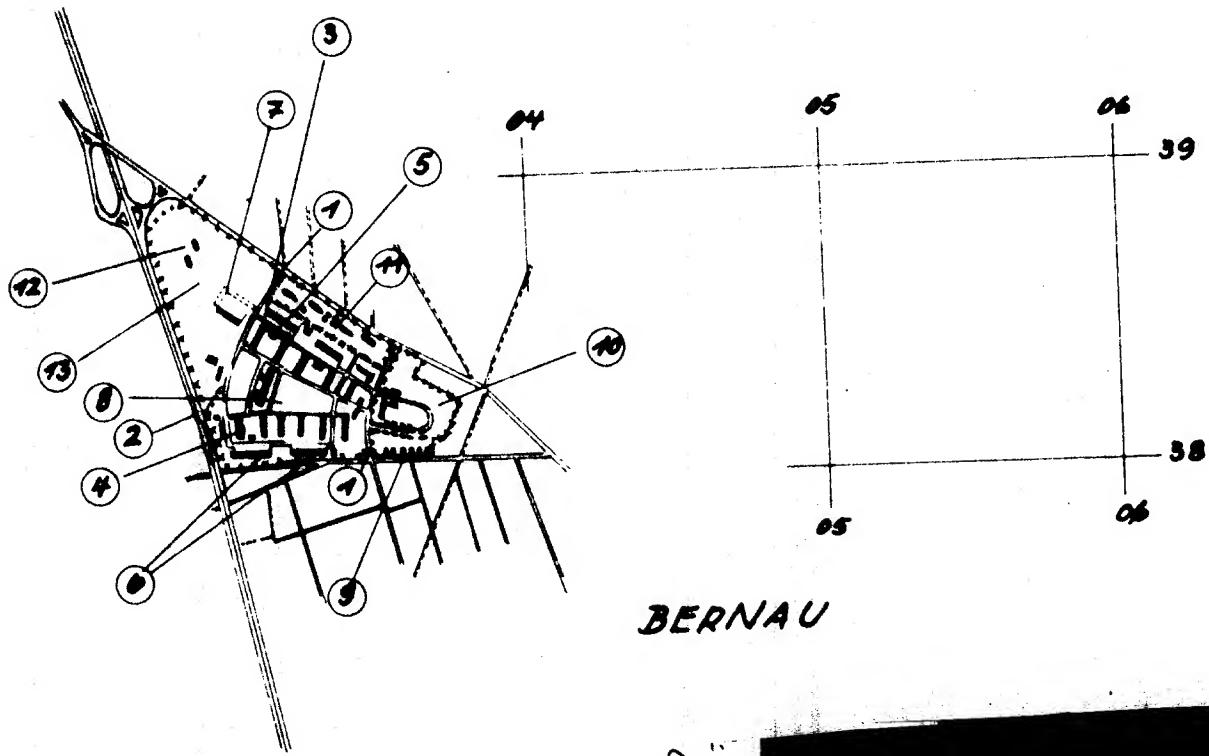
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